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This memorandum is in reply to a request by OCI for information on military installations in coastal areas of East China as determined by a study of aerial photography. [REDACTED] covered military installations in the Chin - Chiang area (24°55'N 118°35'E) located approximately 40 statute miles northeast of Amoy. The area under study is covered by two overlapping mosaics which have been reproduced to 8 x 10 prints and are attached to this report as Enclosure 1.

A major airfield is in an early stage of construction in the vicinity of Sha-ti five and one half miles south of Chin - Chiang. Grading work is in progress in an area 8500' x 1400' with a possible extension of 1500' to the north. The runway will probably be around 450' wide.

Twelve revetments and a taxi strip are under construction off the northwest end of the runway. Eleven revetments and a taxi strip are under construction off the southwest end of the runway.

A graded road, twenty feet wide has been constructed around the south end of the runway connecting the main north-south highway with the road extending to Wei-tou.

A new road extending across the main north-south highway is under construction west of the airfield. The extent of the road is not known due to the lack of photo coverage. The road will probably extend to airfield

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buildings yet to be constructed.

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Sixty buildings each [REDACTED] have been constructed in areas to the southwest of the airfield. These buildings are temporary in nature and are to house construction workers.

Approximately thirty buildings ranging in size from 20' x 20' to 200' x 35' have been constructed in Ch'ing-yang and are probably administrative, barracks, and miscellaneous service buildings.

The airfield is protected by sixteen medium (85 mm) AA guns, twenty-eight light (37 mm) AA weapons, and sixteen AA machine guns. The dispersal and number of light AA guns strongly suggest an additional battery is to be constructed in the area.

A series of drainage canals are under construction in the vicinity of the airfield. Two radio stations similar to those identified in the Foochow area have been located in Chin - Chiang. The eastern most station appears identical to the eastern most Foochow or Nan-Tai radio station. This station is located just east of Chin - Chiang at 24°54'N 118°36'E. The second station identified in the Chin - Chiang area is located south west of the city at 24°53'N 118°33'E. Although photo coverage on this station is incomplete, indications are it will be identical to the western most Nan-Tai radio station.

A number of military areas are located in Chin - Chiang. Six storage buildings, each 120' x 50', and a barracks and probable shop area composed of fourteen buildings 150' x 40' or smaller is in the southern part of Chin - Chiang.

A storage area composed of eight buildings, each 160' x 60' is in

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the western part of Chin - Chiang. A probable hospital and a number of small military areas primarily composed of barracks and administrative buildings are located in the northeastern part of the city.

A 350' x 10' bridge and a 1150' bridge 10' and 25' in width crosses the Chin - Chiang (river) south of the city.

The primary north-south highway appears to be in good condition. The roadbed is 20' wide. Small bridges are 10' wide.

Road construction or repair work is in progress on the highway running northwest from Chin - Chiang.

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